

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents
PO Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 14, 2007, please amend the claims as follows and consider the accompanying remarks. This amendment has been prepared in accordance with the rules promulgated under 37 CFR §1.121.

Amendments to the Specification are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page **2** of this paper.

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Remarks/Arguments begin on page **16** of this paper.